

It...all that we require, under the committee amendments, is that it be a governmental agency, a nonprofit entity, or health care facility. And within that,...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay. The final question I have, if I still have time permitting, would be in the testimony that came and...on the bill to your committee, what types of people are we talking about that were guesstimated would go through the program of job training, technical job skills, would go three months beyond that point, then get into community services. What types of people are we talking about? Are we talking about a majority of people who are just absolutely lazy and refuse to get out and do anything, or are we talking about, no, just a very small portion to that group are real lazy and refuse to do anything? Are we talking about people who...I mean what percentages are we talking about here, what kinds of people that came before the committee.

SENATOR WESELY: Well, it was primarily Douglas County that came by. And they did not give us, as I recall, any specific figures about...I don't even have, for instance, how many people are on general assistance, and how many they feel...since they don't have any program like that, it's hard to know how many would get through job training and then not find a job within three months. And so we're all kind of guessing about the impact of this.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: So would it be fair then to state that still the basic philosophy behind the bill, and again I agree with your amendment would make the bill better, the philosophy behind the bill was we don't want to...we still don't want to have people who are receiving assistance who are not doing anything and just leaches on society. We want to put them to work so they earn, at least...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...they're earning something that they get. Is that still the basic philosophy?

SENATOR WESELY: That's not what they said, although it could be part of the basic philosophy. But what they said at the hearing, Senator Bernard-Stevens, was that they'd seen the light, that they realize that that isn't the approach they should be taking, and that if they go through job training and